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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) It is presumed the hon. Member refers to the fruit farms ordered to be started during 1948–49 at the following Agricultural Research Stations :—

(1) Siruguppa, Bellary district.
(2) Tirurkuppam, Chingleput district.
(3) Tindivanam, South Arcot district.
(4) Palur, South Arcot district.
(5) Aduthurai, Tanjore district.
(6) Gudiyatham, North Arcot district.
(7) Pattambi, Malabar district.

The scheme was not actually started. After the sites were selected for the proposed farms, the possible value of those small centres in influencing the fruit cultivation was re-examined by the Director of Agriculture and it has been found that ideal sites and soils were not available at the Agricultural Research Stations and that the purpose in view would be better served by the establishment of model orchard-*cum*-nurseries in different centres of the State. A scheme for starting model orchard-*cum*-nurseries at Rajahmundry, Mathurai, Mangalore, Salem and Chittoor has since been sanctioned by Government in March 1950. The establishment of fruit farms at the Agricultural Research Stations mentioned above has therefore been abandoned."

Provincial Town-Planning Committee.

* 5 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the Provincial Town-Planning Committee and if so, what the action proposed on the various recommendations is?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have examined the recommendations of the Provincial Town-Planning Enquiry Committee and have passed orders on them. A copy of [a] G.O. No. 1097, Health, dated 25th March 1950 is laid on the table of the House."

The Madras Central Land Mortgage Bank.

* 6 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rates at which the Madras Central Land Mortgage Bank has been floating their debentures recently;

(*b*) the rates at which loans are made available by the Central Land Mortgage Bank to Primary Land Mortgage Banks;

(*c*) the rates charged to the ultimate borrower by the Primary Land Mortgage Banks;

(*d*) the rate at which loans are granted by Government under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, and the Land Improvement Loans Act; and

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(e) whether the Government have at any time considered the suggestion to subsidise the Land Mortgage Banks to the extent of the difference between the economic rate of interest on loans chargeable by them and the rate of interest at which individual agriculturists can obtain loans from the Government?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (a) 3 per cent.

" (b) 4¼ per cent.

" (c) 5¼ per cent.

" (d) 4½ per cent (provisional).

" (e) The Government have not considered the suggestion referred to in the question."

[Hon. Minister read replies (a) to (d) and the first sentence of (e).]

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" There is yet a lot more in the answer."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If the answer furnished to you, Sir, is more than what the Hon. Minister has read out to the House, I think, Sir, we have every right to ask him to read out the whole thing."

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" If a supplementary question is raised, I shall answer it. The other things, Sir, I submit are not relevant to the question."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Then, why did you give it to me; you ought not to have given it to me. In so far as it has been given, it must be read."

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" I have no objection."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Then please do."

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" But the rate of interest charged by land mortgage banks depends on the rate of interest at which the Madras Co-operative Central Land Mortgage Bank, Limited, is able to float debentures among the public. A margin of 2¼ per cent between the rate of interest paid on debentures and the rate of interest charged to the ultimate borrowers has got to be maintained to meet the requirements of the Central and the primary land mortgage banks. With a view to providing cheap long-term credit to the agriculturists in the Rayalaseema, the Government are subsidizing the Madras Co-operative Central Land Mortgage Bank, Limited, at 1¼ per cent on all loans to be issued by it during the next five years in that area for the full period of 20 years during which the loans are repayable so that the ultimate borrowers may get their loans at 4 per cent, instead of at 5¼ per cent. The total subsidy payable on this account is estimated at Rs. 6·75 lakhs spread over a period of 24 years."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the disparity which exists between the rate at which the Government give to the ryots under the Agriculturists' Loans Act and the Land improvements Loans Act on the one hand and the Primary Land Mortgage Bank on the other, may I know, Sir, why the Government have not considered the question of treating the difference, in order to give assistance to the ryots, as a subsidy in the case of places other than Rayalaseema? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Because of the backwardness of the Rayalaseema area the question has been taken up and it is in the initial stages and the hon. Member knows that the Government have made very good beginning now and it may be extended to other areas as and when financial position and other circumstances are favourable."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The Hon. Minister for Local Administration announced somewhere that they are going to make a representation to the Government of India to make good the difference between the lending rate of the Primary Land Mortgage Bank and the rate at which the Government gives loans? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" I have previously represented to the India Government."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that Messages have been received from the Hon. Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly, transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly in accordance with Rule 99 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules on the 5th August 1950 and signed by him for the concurrence of the Council :—

(1) The Madras Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 13 of 1950);

(2) The Dangerous Drugs (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1950);

(3) The Andhra University (Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1950); and

(4) The Indian Criminal Law (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 17 of 1950).

A copy of the Legal Practitioners (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1950 (L.A. Bill No. 15 of 1950), as passed by the Assembly and transmitted to the Council for their consideration with a certificate from the Speaker that the Bill is a money Bill.

" I have also received a Message from the Hon. the Speaker transmitting a copy of the motion passed by the Assembly desiring to obtain the concurrence of the Council in setting up a Joint